

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 12, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC, 20500

Dear President Bush,

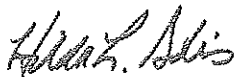
We are writing to request that the re-registration period for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Nicaraguans and Hondurans living in the United States be re-opened. As you know, this re-registration period recently expired on July 31, 2007.

Just one month after the re-register period for TPS expired for Nicaragua and the Honduras, Hurricane Felix, a Category Five storm, struck a devastating blow to the impoverished nations. The ferocious storm left at least 130 people dead, 86 missing, and 19,000 homes destroyed. According to the United Nation's World Food Program, about 80 percent of the 10,000 homes affected by the hurricane were destroyed. The situation for the 160,000 people who survived the natural disaster is dire. Many villages remain cutoff from assistance because of mudslides, nearly 5,200 water wells were contaminated, and the harvest of rice and other vital crops in the affected areas have been lost.

With Central America still recovering from the impact of Hurricane Mitch in 2001, it will take years for Nicaragua and the Honduras to rebuild from this latest natural disaster. Ensuring TPS for Nicaraguan and Honduran nationals living in the United States is critical to facilitating the reconstruction of their homelands and allowing the region to recover without further straining its already burdened social infrastructure. It can also help strengthen the region's fragile economy through remittances sent home each year.

Again, we request that the TPS re-registration period be re-opened for Nicaragua and the Honduras. Taking this action will help alleviate the current situation in Central America and ensure that the approximately 78,000 nationals of Honduras and 4,000 nationals of Nicaragua who are eligible for TPS may re-apply in the aftermath of Hurricane Felix. We look forward to your favorable consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you or your designated staff.

Sincerely,

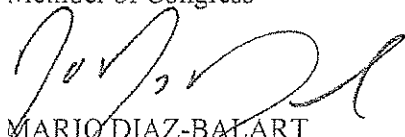



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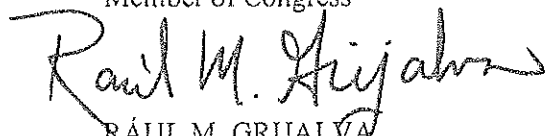
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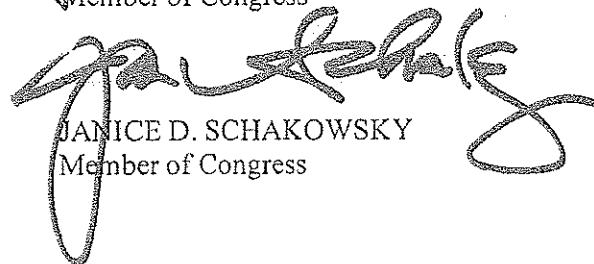

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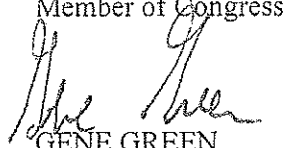

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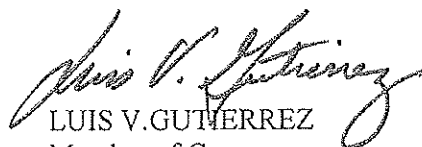

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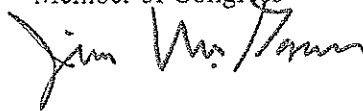

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